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SUBJ: GOB VIEWS ON UK-GUATEMALA TALKS

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1. WE DO NOT KNOW BASIS FOR BELIZEAN OFFICIALS' STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL THAT THERE HAS BEEN PUBLICITY IN GUATEMALAN MEDIA TO EFFECT THAT FORTHCOMING GOG-UK TALKS SHOULD IGNORE USGA RESOLUTION ON BELIZE. THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE GUATEMALAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF ANY KIND OF BELIZE DISPUTE IN RECENT WEEKS AND NONE WHATEVER LINKING (OR UNLINKING) TALKS WITH UNGA RESOLUTION. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF TIME OR PLACE OF TALKS NOR OF COMPOSITION GOG DELEGATION.

2. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS CORRECT THAT GOG DOES NOT PLAN TO NEGOTIATE EXPLICITLY ON THE BASIS OF UNGA RESOLUTION, NOR HAS HMG(WISELY, IN OUR VIEW) ASKED IT TO. GOG MADE ITS VIEWS KNOWN PUBLICLY AT TIME RESOLUTION APPROVED BY FOURTH COMMITTEE(SEE GUATEMALA 6658). PRESIDENT LAUGERUD ALSO PRIVATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN TO CHARGE(75 GUATEMALA 6703) THAT IF QTE UK WERE TO INSIST AT OUTSET ON STRICT
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RESOLUTION, THEN THERE WOULD BE NOTHING LEFT TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT UNQTE. THIS CONCERN WAS DISSIPATED AS RESULT OF ROWLANDS-RICHARDS VISIT TO GUATEMALA, WHICH ENDED WITH JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING AGREEMENT ON QTE WIDE-RANGING NEGOTIATIONS NEXT YEAR WHICH WOULD BE AIMED AT SOLVING THE PROBLEM IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE VITAL INTERESTS INVOLVED UNQTE(75 GUATEMALAL 6739). COMMUNIQUE MADE NO REFERENCE TO UNGA RESOLUTION AND NEITHER -TO BEST OF OUR RECOLLECTION AND WITHOUT EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF FILES-HAS ANY GOG STATEMENT SINCE THEN.

3. IT OCCURS TO US THAT WHAT PREMIER PRICE MAY REALLY BE SAYING IS NOT THAT THE GOG HAS ATTACHED A CONDITION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT RATHER THAT PRICE WOULD LIKE TO ATTACH A CONDITION, NAMELY, THAT THEY BE BASED UPON THE UNGA RESOLUTION. IF THIS HAS ANY MEANING, OTHER THAN EMOTIONAL ONE OF FLAUNTING BELIZE'S VICTORY AT THE UN, IT PRESUMABLY MEANS THAT TALKS BASED ON RESOLUTION WOULD RULE OUT ANY TERRITORIAL CESSION. EVERYONE, INCLUDING GOG, RECOGNIZES THAT IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND PERHAPS IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ANY AGREEMENT ON TERRITORIAL CESSION, BUT DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN RULED OUT. SEE MCQUILLAN'S ACCOUNT OF WHAT ROWLANDS TOLD PRESIDENT LAUGERUD(PARA SIX OF GUATEMALA 6739).

4. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE VIEW THE GOG-UK AGREEMENT NOT RPT NOT TO BRING UP THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE AGAIN UNTIL AFTER SEARCHING FOR POINTS OF AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, MARITIME AND DEFENSE ISSUES AS A VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. EVEN IF TALKS FINALLY BREAK DOWN, THERE MAY BE A RESIDUE OF AGREEMENT ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH CAN FORM THE BASIS FOR AN EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT. THEREFORE WE CAUTION THAT ANY EFFORT TO BRING UP THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FEBRUARY TALKS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR VIA THE UNGA RESOLUTION, COULD CAUSE THEM TO BREAK DOWN EARLY RATHER THAN LATE AND END ANY HOPE OF PROGRESS ON NON-TERRITORIAL ISSUES.
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